

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hong Jiang

Serial No.: 09/895,307

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For: **Method, Apparatus and System for
Multi-Layer Scalable Video Coding**

Examiner: Czekaj, David J.

Group Art Unit: 2621

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A request for a three (3) month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application,

then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.